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Flotilla Commander

Paul Burns, FC

Hello All! We have a great celebration planned for September. I hope every member of Flotilla 14-8 will consider attending.

The Florida Tackle & Gun Club has invited the members of Flotilla 14-8 to attend the dedication of their new docks and Flagpole Pavilion; this is a special occasion on Sunday, September 22, 2013 at 3:00 PM.



The Division 14 Color Guard will raise the flags during the ceremony. There will be a feast with baked ham and brisket following the ceremony for club members and all present. The dinner will include a variety of covered dishes being requested for attendees to bring. There will be a sign up sheet at the September flotilla meeting for attendees to list the dish of their choice so we get a variety of food. You may RSVP to Paul Burns with the number of people attending and your choice of dish.

As both television and newspaper press coverage is expected, Coast Guard Auxiliary members are requested to wear their Tropical Blue Uniform.

Our relationship with The Florida Tackle and Gun Club goes back to the birth of our flotilla. In 1969, 10 members of the Florida Tackle and Gun Club decided to join the Coast Guard Auxiliary and form their own flotilla. During that time on the St Johns River, there was no Marine Patrol to speak of, no JSO boats, no Sea Tow. Lead by Andy Anderson, our first Flotilla Commander, the new Coast Guard Auxiliary flotilla 10-8 covered the St. Johns River from Blount Island to Green Cove Springs along with members of Flotilla 10-5 and their facilities. Many times the two flotillas were requested to extend their patrols and searches, well into the wee hours of the morning for search and rescue.

This new Flotilla 10-8 was chartered on April 19, 1969 and was later designated Flotilla 14-8. Ever since our formation, the Florida Tackle & Gun Club has been our home and meeting place.

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Flotilla Commander

Flotilla Commander

Paul Burns, FC

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Please plan on attending this celebration of upgrades and improvements to this facility and our relationship with the Florida Tackle and Gun Club spanning 44 years.

RSVP to Paul Burns, Flotilla Commander, burnspb@mindspring.com or call 887-5601.

Thanks!

Flotilla Commander

Flotilla Vice Commander

John Hadley, VFC

The season is starting to wind down for boating with the return of students to school so we can start to re-group and plan on events for the remainder of the summer.

You know, my short tenure in the Auxiliary and with Flotilla 14-8 has led me to noticing there are seasons to everything. This gives me a chance to talk about planning and preparing. Why not do it?

The life of this flotilla is like that of all of our lives. What we believe we might want to do or explore for our Auxiliary career needs to be at least asked about - NOW. Think about how you want to be known or what your career with the Auxiliary was all about; then - PLAN IT!



Flotilla Vice Commander

Response

Whit Vick, FSO-OP

Steady progress is being made towards Crew and Coxswain status by two of our members, Charlie Amante and John Hadley, respectively. Most of their dockside check-offs are complete with on the water training still to go. I am hopeful they will qualify by year's end.

Attaining Crew or Coxswain qualification is a process, like taking a journey, done in small steps. If you remain persistent and dedicated, you eventually reach your destination; but once there, you discover the journey continues. Like gardening, which my wife tells me is never really finished, a boating education is a lifelong learning process. The growing, improving, gaining experience continues, hopefully for as long as you choose to remain active.

I had the opportunity to participate with Flotilla 10-10 on a towing drill with the Station Brunswick 25 foot *Defender* class boat on August 4th. Then on August 10th, a patrol was conducted on *Carlie II* at St. Simons doing towing exercises again, this time with an Auxiliary facility.

Please feel free to contact me or anyone in our operations program if you desire to begin the process of becoming Crew or Coxswain qualified.



Prevention

John Hadley, FSO-MT

Charlie Amante remains the most recent headliner, in terms of attaining a lightning-fast collection of tests, and qualifications. There is no doubt we are beginning to see another substantial player. He is still working on his Boat Crew qualification, as noted in the FSO-OP report.

Whatley Law working around his business obligations, is still taking a lead on attaining his Officer Of the Deck (Inport) qualification for USCGC Kingfisher. Rome was not built in a day - and this will not be, either. This is a major step in his Auxiliary career, and I look forward to crowing about it.



Member Training

Bob Strong, FSO-PE

Our About Boating Safely (ABS) course on August 17th had 13 students. Thanks to Bruce Ennis for helping Paul, John, and me teach this course.

Our next ABS course will be on September 21 at the Florida Tackle and Gun Club and any help is appreciated.

You can still have fun on the water while wearing a life jacket and boating responsibly. Here are the top five excuses not to wear a life jacket we hear from boaters.



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Prevention

Bob Strong, FSO–PE

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- 1. "I have life jackets on board."** Having life jackets on board the vessel is not enough. Accidents happen too fast to put on a stowed life jacket.
- 2. "I'm a strong swimmer."** Even a strong swimmer needs to wear a life jacket. During an emergency, clothing can become heavy or waterlogged while in the water.
- 3. "It's too hot and doesn't look cool."** Old-fashioned, bulky orange life jackets have been replaced with new styles, like inflatable life jackets that may resemble a pair of suspenders or a belt pack. These are much cooler in the warmer weather.
- 4. "It gets in the way."** There are life jacket styles available for any recreational water activity – fishing, water sports, hunting, paddling and more. There are even styles for pets!
- 5. "Nothing is going to happen to me."** Face it, accidents happen. Boating can be a fun, safe and enjoyable activity, but when the "Wear It!" message is ignored, the consequences can be grim.

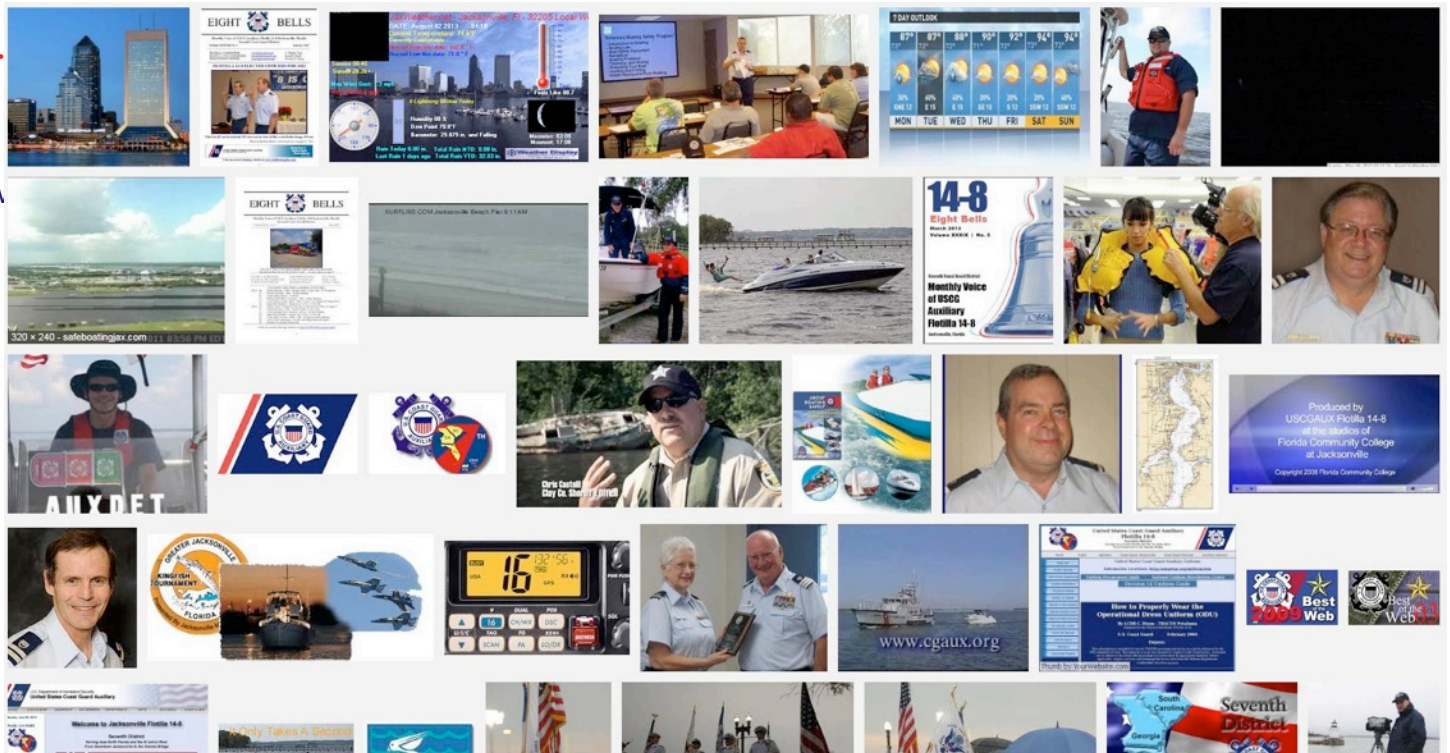
Just ask Richard VanDermark, an experienced boater and a navigation officer in Orange County, New York, about the importance of life jacket wear. VanDermark recalls the day he went tubing with his family in 2011 when he slipped while helping his grandson onto the boat, hitting his head and falling into the water. Thanks to wearing his life jacket, his son-in-law quickly pulled him out of the water and performed CPR.

"There is no doubt in my mind that my life jacket saved my life. No matter how good a swimmer you are, you never know what will happen when you're boating," said VanDermark. "Always wear your life jacket."

Remember, whether you're an experienced or new boater, it is important to follow boating safety procedures and wear a life jacket each and every time you are on the water. There's never an excuse not to **Wear It!**

Paul Burns, FSO-CS

...and every picture of our activity shows our community the value of our service. Do a Google search for "Coast Guard Auxiliary Jacksonville, Florida" or "Flotilla 14-8 Jacksonville" under the Google Images Tab. You will be pleased to see all the images, shared with the entire world, about our flotilla and hometown community. So, smile Rusty, smile Carolyn, smile Kevin, Bob, Kyle, Cris, Paul, Jack, and Whit! You'll never know when your mug hits the World Wide Web!



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Logistics

John Hadley, FSO-MA

Routine ordering is continuing, so nothing more to report on that avenue.

A new item has been discovered, and I will send/distribute this at the next meeting.

For all Vessel Examiners (VEs) a small pocket-sized Vessel Safety Check (VSC) Examiner Job aid came to me from ANSC, three of which I now have. I am hoping to load up on another seven more, then these will be sent to Whatley to distribute as he sees fit to his new VE's.



Materials

Kevin Koehl, FSO-PA

Notices to support August Boating Safety Courses were placed in the *Florida Times Union* in the *Outdoor Calendar* and the *Jacksonville Journal* Sections. The Coast Guard Auxiliary Jacksonville Facebook page has grown to 76 followers. Please visit the page at <https://www.facebook.com/CGAUXJacksonville> and contribute your photos and stories regarding Auxiliary activities or local boating news.



Public Affairs

Logistics

Paul Tynda, FSO-DV

Diversity is often a misunderstood word. I myself was having trouble understanding the role of diversity in the Coast Guard Auxiliary. The best description I have seen so far is in an email from our division diversity staff officer Annette Ackerman, SO-DV Division 14.



"Trying to explain that this is not about race, or a male/female thing: in fact it is not about anything controversial or problematic. Rather it is about taking a good look at what you have and building on it... ...Diversity is simply the state of being different! Diversify simply means you take a good thing and make it better so it can grow. Nothing good or bad about that! Certainly it has no race or sexual connotations. Doesn't refer to age, creed, or standard of living. I see like this: we in the Auxiliary are a part of a very good and worthwhile program. What can we now add to it to make it better so it grows (diversify)?"

- Annette Ackerman, SO-DV Division 14 (D7).

The only thing I can add to this is we should not confuse diversity with division. The idea is inclusion not exclusion. Think of diversity as describing the flotilla and the flotilla is made up of the members. Diversity is not describing me, you, and them. Diversity is describing US. We are what makes the flotilla what it is today and the members we recruit will carry it on in the future.

One advantage we have is our ability to mentor new members to help them and include them in our flotilla. I found a very good tool for us to use in mentoring. In the Auxiliary Learning Management System (AUXLMS) under gold side, then leadership / manager / communications is course 500243 - Mentoring & Professional Development. This is a Coast Guard course designed for leaders in the Coast Guard to learn and understand mentoring. This course is available for Auxiliary members to enroll and participate. Questions, comments, concerns, and suggestions are welcome and may be sent to tyndap@gmail.com.

Events & Fellowships

2013 | CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 Flotilla 14-8 Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 ABS Class 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
22 Flotilla Fellowship Location: FT&GC 3:00 p.m.	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

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2013 | CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Flotilla 14-8 Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Flotilla Fellowship Location: TBD 6:30 p.m.	18	19 ABS Class 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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Events & Fellowships

2013 | CALENDAR DETAILS

FLOTILLA 14-8 REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, September 03

7:00 p.m. | Fellowship & Refreshments | Location: Florida Tackle & Gun Club

7:30 p.m. – Meeting

SEPTEMBER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, September 03

7:00 p.m. | Fellowship & Refreshments | Location: Florida Tackle & Gun Club

7:30 p.m. – Meeting

Saturday, September 21

7:30 a.m. | ABS Class | Location: Florida Tackle & Gun Club

Sunday, September 22

3:00 p.m. | Flotilla Fellowship: Special Celebration | Location: Florida Tackle & Gun Club

OCTOBER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, October 01

7:00 p.m. | Fellowship & Refreshments | Location: Florida Tackle & Gun Club

7:30 p.m. – Meeting

Thursday, October 17

6:30 p.m. | Flotilla Fellowship | Location: TBD

Saturday, October 19

7:30 a.m. | ABS Class | Location: Florida Tackle & Gun Club

Events



CRIS Vonderheide

Received congratulations from Paul Burns, FC, along with an Auxiliary Membership Service Award for 25 years of valued service.

Photographer Carolyn Strong



BRUNSWICK East River

Towing drills with station Brunswick east river
Brunswick, GA

Photographer Whit Vick



PAUL Tynda

Received his first Sustained Service Award

Photographer Carolyn Strong



BRUNSWICK East River

Towing drills with station Brunswick east
river Brunswick, GA

Photographer Whit Vick



JACK Holler

Received a renewal of his Membership ID
card

Photographer Carolyn Strong



BOB Strong

Received an Auxiliary Performance Award
for Public Education

Photographer Carolyn Strong



FLOTILLA NIGHT “IN”

FLORIDA TACKLE AND GUN CLUB

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND | 3:00 PM

**SPECIAL OCCASION FOR BOTH OUR FLOTILLA AND OUR FRIENDS
AT THE FT&GC**

PLEASE BRING A COVERED DISH OR DESERT

RSVP TO PAUL BURNS

BURNSPB@MINDSPRING.COM

887-5601

**DEDICATION OF NEW
FLAGPOLE PAVILION**

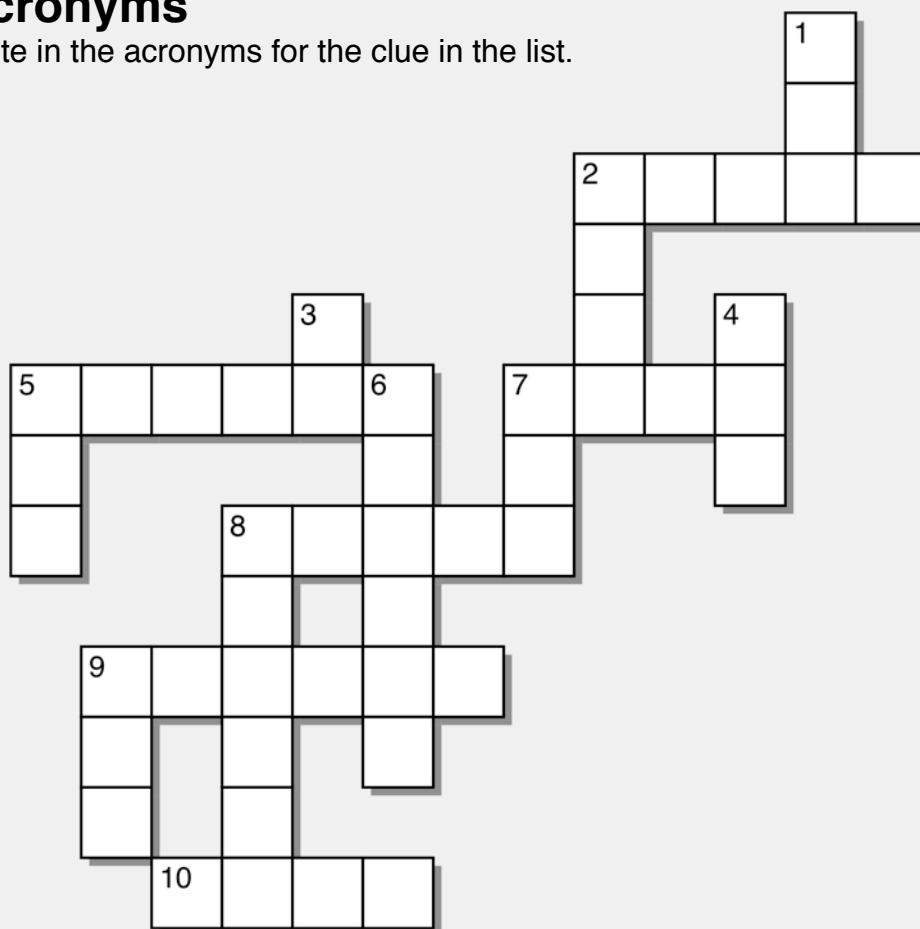


**UNIFORM:
TROPICAL BLUE**

Crossword Corner

Acronyms

Write in the acronyms for the clue in the list.



Across

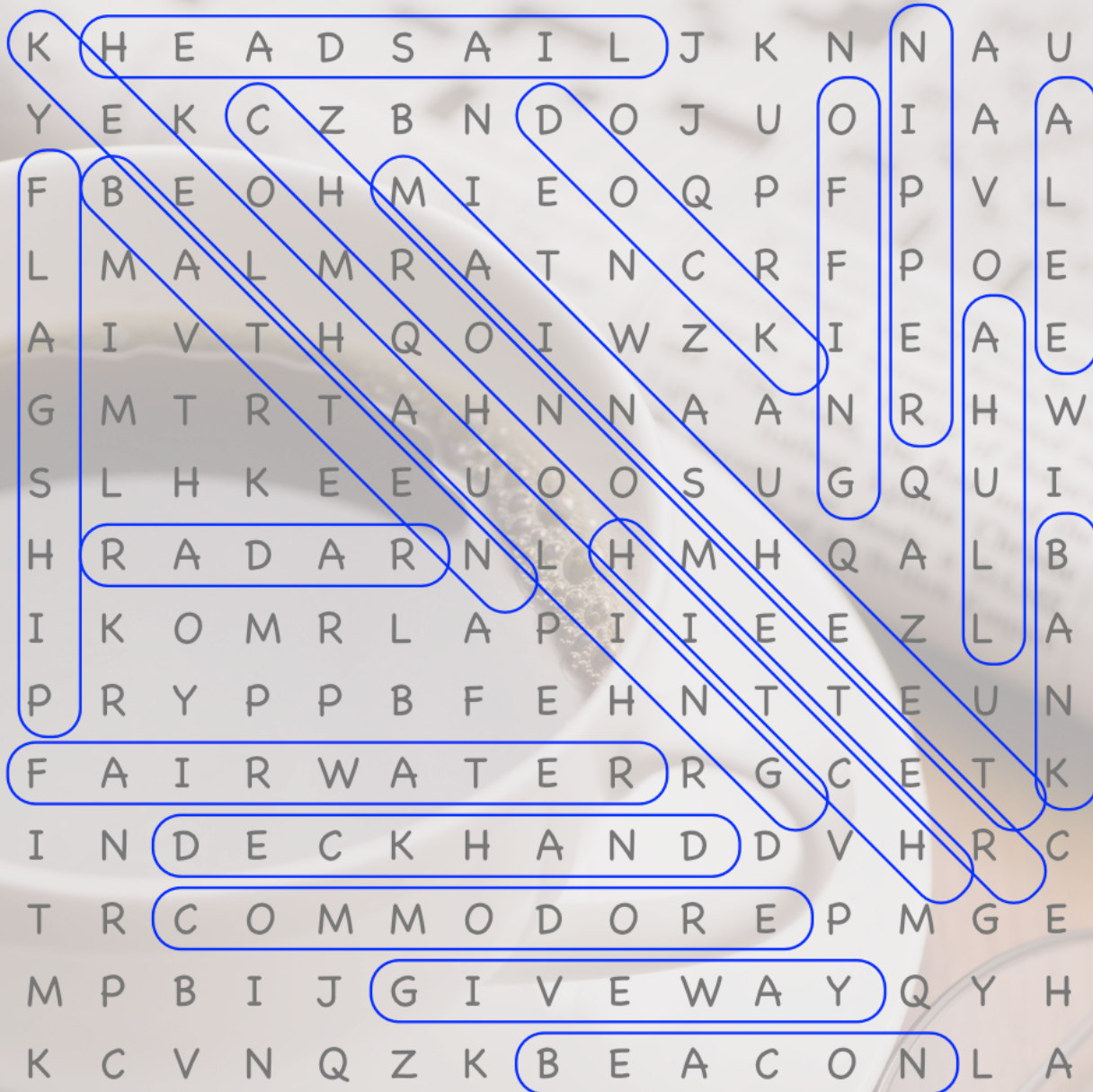
- 2) Operations
- 5) Weather Speciality
- 7) Auxiliary National Supply Center
- 8) Auxiliary Food Services
- 9) Navigation
- 10) National Safe Boating Week

Down

- 1) Telecommunications Operator
- 2) Aids to Navigation
- 3) Vessel Exam
- 4) Team Coordination Training
- 5) Area of Responsibility
- 6) Auxiliary Patrols Specialty
- 7) About Boating Safely
- 8) Auxiliary Learning Management System
- 9) Auxiliary Order Management

Look for the answers in next month's newsletter

Wordsearch World Solution



Last month's Crossword Corner answer key

Name that Location



Photo by Rusty Gardner

Can you guess where this is?

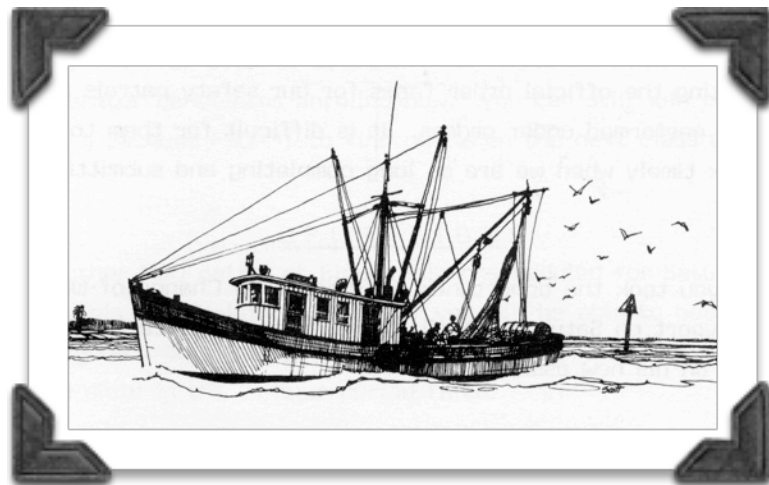
Salt Springs off of Lake George

Eight Bells History

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**Hand drawing from the original Eight Bells
newsletter.**

Drawn by Wilson Robertson, FSO-PB 14-8. Does
anyone remember this facility?



Punography

"Should you ever need an ark, I Noah guy."

Author: Unknown

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